



Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers Galveston District	Permit Application No: _____	SWG-2002-00023
	Date Issued: _____	11 December 2008
	Comments Due: _____	12 January 2009

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

AUTHORITY: This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: Offshore Paragon Petroleum, Inc.
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POC: Mr. William F. Howell

LOCATION: The project is located approximately 20 miles southeast of Freeport in the Freeport Anchorage Area, in Galveston Block 334, OCS G31031, Galveston Area, offshore Texas, Gulf of Mexico. The State Plane X,Y Coordinates, Texas South Central Zone, NAD 27 are X=3,204,015.81; Y=359,600.00.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to install, operate and maintain a typical jack-up rig, production platform and/or well protector with appurtenant structures and equipment necessary to conduct natural gas production operations. The site location is a minimum 2 nautical mile distance from any other structure. This location was originally authorized under Department of Army Permit 22586, issued on 17 April 17 2002. The permit expired on 31 December 2007 prior to the renewal of the lease.

NOTES: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified. The applicant's plans are enclosed in 4 sheets.

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security within the anchorage area.

The remainder of the pipeline/structure is authorized under Nationwide 8 for oil and gas structures and will be evaluated by the Minerals Management Service. Environmental aspects have been considered in the final Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS: The project site is not located within the Texas Coastal Zone and therefore, does not require certification from the Texas Coastal Management Program.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES: The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The State tracts proposed for work under this permit application are included in the Texas Antiquity Committee's list of State land tracts containing State Archaeological Landmarks. Therefore, the proposed activities may affect pre-20th-century shipwrecks.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before **12 January 2009**. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections.** Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

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